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ORGANIZATION OF RUMANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE

Foreign trade of the Rumanian People's Republic is carried on through state
foreign trade enterprises. These organizations exercise a monopoly. Each
foreign trade enterprise has a director-general, a commercial director, an
administrative director, and a technical director. The director-general and
the commercial director are empowered to issue directives and make decisions.
Each enterprise prepares a complete plan for imports or exports within its
sector. Those enterprises which implement the import program are under the
Directorate for Imports of the Ministry of Foreign Trade. Enterprises for
exports are under the Directorate for Exports of the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
Enterprises which carry on both import and export are under the jurisdiction
of both directorates. Enterprises concerned with the transport of exports and
imports are under the Directorate of Transport and Insurance of the Ministry
of Foreign Trade. Requests and problems are submitted to the Directorate of
Agreements, which is a political rather than an economic body.

Alexandru Barladeanu, Minister of Foreign Trade, has full power to make
economic decisions. However, for problems of great economic importance, or
in the case of situations of political importance he consults one of the
following: the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Workers'
Party, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vasile Luca, the Soviet commercial
representative in the Rumanian People's Republic, or the director of a Sovrom
(Soviet-Rumanian) enterprise.

Assistant Minister Gogu Radulescu has the powers and duties granted him
by the minister.

Ministerial Counselor Zoltan Gyali is a mere figurehead. Formerly, the
ministry had a secretary-general and a first counselor who had specific powers.

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In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Trade has the following directors:

Director of Agreements With the USSR and Satellites: Donath (fnu)

Director of Agreements With Capitalist Countries: Vitzianu (fnu)

Director of Export: Lungu (fnu)

Director of Import: Ciobanu (fnu)

Administrative Director

Director of Personnel

Director of the Secretariat: Victor Ionescu. Ionescu plays an important political role in the ministry. He supervises the daily work of the ministerial cabinet (colegiu). He is in charge of the Economic Control Service of the ministry and is the only one who, in the absence of the minister and assistant minister, can deal directly with Ranghet (fnu), head of the political foreign secret service. Ranghet was formerly chief of the Communist Party personnel /in the ministry/.

On a level with the directors is the party secretary who supervises and enforces fulfillment of party orders and directives, and a union chief who is in charge of union problems.

The cabinet of the Ministry of Foreign Trade is patterned on the Soviet model. It consists of the minister, the assistant minister, and the directors. The directors of import, export, and agreements play an especially important part in cabinet activities. The power and function of a director are determined by his personality and by the duties granted him by the minister. In certain cases an assistant director is more powerful than his director. Thus, for example, Kuhn (fnu), assistant director of import, is the leading figure in his directorate.

Delegates to foreign countries are chosen by Ranghet.

No diplomat or foreign businessman can enter the ministry without permission from the director of the secretariat.

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